



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

December 14, 2006

Union Pacific Railroad Company,
Petitioner,

Vs.

Union County Road District 1,
Respondent.

Petition for an Order authorizing closure of a grade crossing also known as
Feedlot Road at the Intersection of Petitioner's tracks and TR 291 (DOT 445
833E).

Mr. Roy Farwell
Union Pacific Railroad Company
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Dear Mr. Farwell:

Receipt is acknowledged of the original and two (2) copies of the Petition filed December 14, 2006 in the above matter.

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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,

Petitioner,

vs.

UNION COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT 1,

Respondent.

Petition for an Order Authorizing Closure of a Grade
Crossing also known as Feedlot Road at the Intersection
of Petitioner's Tracks and TR 291 (DOT 445 833E).

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PETITION

Petitioner Union Pacific Railroad Company represents to the Commission as follows:

1. Petitioner is a Delaware corporation engaged in the business of a common carrier freight railroad. Petitioner owns and operates railroad tracks and equipment in the State of Illinois, including Union County and is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois.

2. Union County Road District 1 is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois and administrative subdivision of Union County who has responsibility for maintenance of certain County and Township Roads in Union County.

3. Petitioner owns and operates a double main line of railroad tracks running in a generally north-south direction through Union County Road District 1, which line is part of its Chester Subdivision. Petitioner operates an average of 45 freight trains a day on this section of track, at a maximum timetable speed of 60 mph.

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4. Township Road 291, also known as Feedlot Road, is a public road maintained by Union County Road District 1 that proceeds east from Illinois Route 3 out of the unincorporated town of Reynoldsville and crosses over Union Pacific double main tracks at a 90 degree angle at grade at approximate railroad milepost 110.60 of Petitioner's Chester Subdivision. This grade crossing ("Subject Crossing") has been given DOT number 445 833E.

5. A copy of a portion of a state highway map, with the general area of interest designated by red arrow is attached as Exhibit 1. A copy of a close-up detailed map showing the area of interest with the Subject Crossing marked, is attached as Exhibit 2.

6. Feedlot Road is a gravel road less than 12 feet wide. It has an official vehicular count averaging fewer than 29 cars per day, with most traffic consisting of farm vehicles and equipment. Actual traffic is far below this level. No school buses traverse the Subject Crossing and it is not used regularly by trucks carrying hazardous materials. There are no posted speed limits. The road dead-ends immediately east of the crossing.

7. The Subject Crossing is a 16 foot wide timber crossing. It is equipped with crossbuck signs and yield signs on each side.

8. The Subject Crossing shows no accident history.

9. Petitioner's annual maintenance at the crossing is approximately \$500 per year. The responsibility for maintaining the approaches lies with Union County Road District 1.

10. The public crossings on either side of Feedlot Road crossing are:

(a) Davis Road (TR 293). This roadway is maintained by Union County Road District 1, and crosses Petitioner's right of way and tracks at grade (DOT No. 445832X) approximately .53 miles south of the Subject Crossing. Davis Road is a 14 foot wide gravel roadway with an

un-posted speed limit. The crossing surface is 24 feet wide and is made of sectional timber. The Davis Road crossing has an estimated daily traffic count of approximately 29 vehicles per day including some trucks and farm equipment. Davis Road is equipped with crossbucks and yield signs on each side of the tracks.

(b) Timber Road (TR 32). This roadway is maintained by Union County Road District 1 and crosses Petitioner's right of way and tracks at grade (DOT No. 414070K) approximately .3 miles north of the Subject Crossing. Timber Road is a 12 foot wide gravel roadway with an un-posted speed limit. The crossing surface is 16 feet wide and is made of sectional timber. The Timber Road crossing daily count is minimal and trucks and agricultural vehicles. The Timber Road crossing is equipped with crossbucks and yield signs on each side of the tracks.

11. All costs of this proposed project would be borne entirely by Union Pacific Railroad Company.

12. Adverse travel is not a consideration because Feedlot Road dead-ends immediately on the east side of the railroad tracks.

13. Emergency services would not be significantly impacted by the closure of the Subject Crossing.


14. The changes would be in the interest of public convenience and safety.

WHEREFORE, based on the above, Petitioner requests that the Commission conduct such investigation and hearings as are proper and issue an Order authorizing the following:

(a) Closure and demolition of the existing Feedlot Road grade crossing with installation of appropriate barricades;

- (b) All costs to be assessed to Union Pacific Railroad Company;
- (c) Such other relief as is deemed appropriate

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, this 12th day of December, 2006, to:

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Union County Engineer
306 W. Mississippi Street
Jonesboro, IL 62952



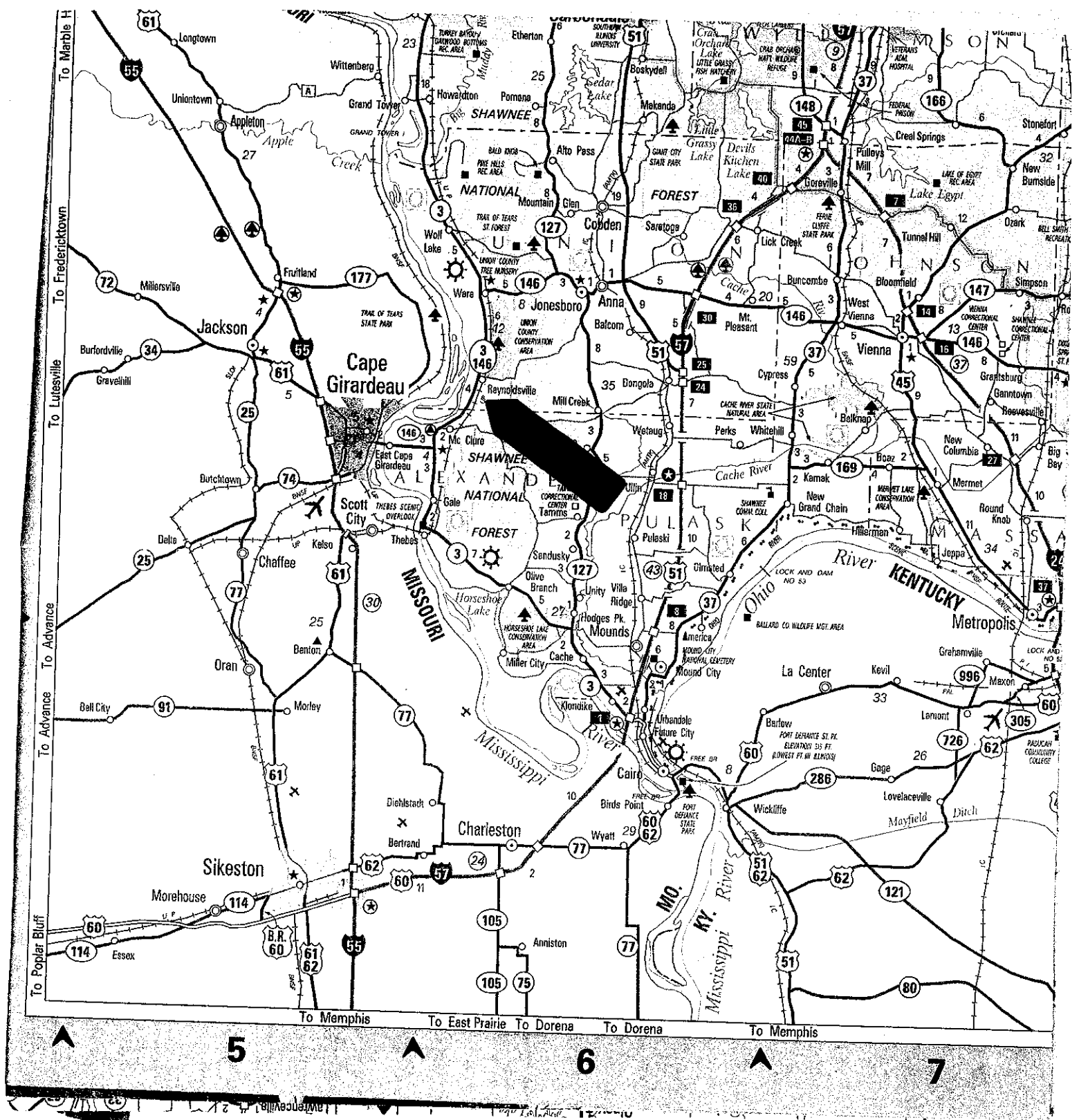
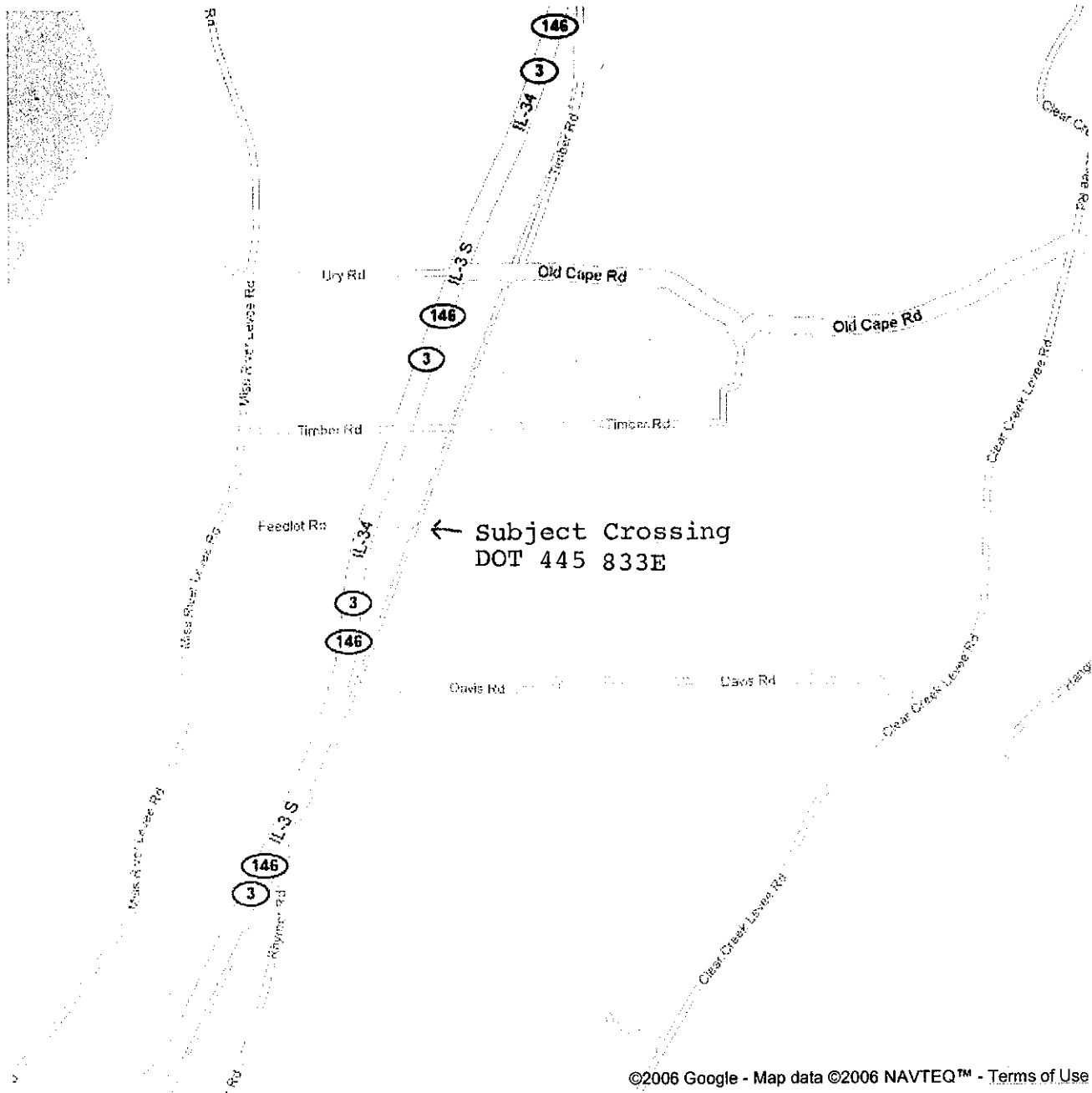


EXHIBIT 1



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